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By and Between

SEIU Healthcare
1199NW

And

KLICKITAT VALLEY HEALTH
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ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION

KVH recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative all full-time and regular part-time, casual / per diem and non-supervisory employees employed by KVH through Klickitat Valley Hospital, Home Health and Hospice and the Family Medicine Clinic, excluding supervisors, managers, confidential, temporary, agency, guards, advanced certified nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physicians, physicians’ assistants and employees eligible for interest arbitration.

ARTICLE 2: UNION MEMBERSHIP

New membership language coming, contact a delegate for more information.

ARTICLE 3: UNION REPRESENTATION

3.1 Access to Premises/Meeting Rooms

Union representatives may have access to available meeting rooms at reasonable times up to two (2) hours at a time upon no less than three (3) days advance written notice (using Room Requisition Form) for union related business, including investigating grievances. If access is sought for the discussion of an immediate disciplinary matter, KVH will make an office or other location available if a meeting room is not available. Union representatives shall not have access to employees’ lounges or patient care areas unless advance approval has been obtained from KVH. Access to KVH’s premises shall be subject to the same general rules applicable to other non-employees and shall not interfere with or disturb employees in the performance of their work during working hours and shall not interfere with patient care or the normal operation of the hospital.

3.2 Bargaining Unit Delegates

The Union shall designate its officers, delegates, and alternate delegates from among employees in the unit. The officers and delegates shall not be recognized by KVH until the Union has given KVH notice of the selection and their scope of authority. Unless otherwise agreed to by KVH, the investigation of grievances or other business shall only be conducted during non-working times, in non-patient care areas and shall not interfere with the work of other
employees, patient care or disturb patients or the normal operation of the Hospital. Meal and rest breaks are not considered working time.

Subject to appropriate advance notice and scheduling requirements, a delegate or designee/officer will be allowed one quarter (1/4) hour of unpaid time during the regularly scheduled new employee orientation to introduce newly hired employees to the Union and the Union contract, although, at the delegate or designee/officer’s discretion, PTO time may be used. Subject to appropriate advance notice and scheduling requirements, Union officers, delegates and contract committee members may request unpaid time off work of one (1) shift per calendar year of educational leave time to attend Union-sponsored training in leadership, representation and dispute resolution, although, at the delegate or designee/officer’s discretion, PTO time may be used.

Each year union officers or delegates, not to exceed five (5) persons in any calendar year, shall be allowed to attend one (1) day union sponsored training program. Designated employee must make a request for time off at least fifteen (15) days prior to the posting of their work schedule and identify the union sponsored training program. Time off shall be subject to scheduling requirements of the employee’s department. Designated employees shall be compensated at their base pay rate for the day of attending the program, only once during the term of this agreement. If the employee is not eligible to be compensated, the employee may use PTO or be in an unpaid status.

When an employee requests a Delegate’s presence at an investigatory meeting that the employee reasonably believes could lead to discipline or at a grievance meeting, unpaid time off work will be authorized for the Delegate, although, at the Delegate’s discretion, PTO time may be used. If the Delegate requested by the employee is not available at the time or because of patient care concerns cannot be present, the meeting will not be unduly delayed and one of the other Delegates will be called to be present. If KVH requests the presence of a Delegate at an investigatory or grievance meeting, the Delegate will be paid for that time.

3.3 Bulletin Board

KVH will furnish a bulletin board in the Hospital, Family Medicine Clinic and Home Health and Hospice for the use of the Union. The Union shall be permitted to post Union notices relating to general Union activities on bulletin boards designated by KVH. Union Bulletin boards will be maintained by delegates/officers of the Union. A copy of such notices will be provided before posting to the Human Resources Department. All postings must be in compliance with KVH’s non-discrimination or harassment related policies.

3.4 Contract

KVH will give each current employee and newly hired employee a copy of this Agreement and notice of Union membership provisions. Additional copies of this Agreement shall be available
ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Union recognizes that KVH has the obligation of serving the public with high quality medical care, efficiently and economically, and meeting medical emergencies.

4.1 Reserved Rights

Except as expressly restricted or limited by a specific provision of this Agreement, KVH retains all statutory, customary, and usual rights, responsibility to manage the affairs of KVH. KVH shall have no obligation to negotiate with the Union with respect to any such subjects or the exercise of its discretion and decision making with regard to such subjects. The rights of employees are limited to those specifically set forth in this Agreement.

4.2 Examples of Rights

Without limitation by way of illustration, the exclusive responsibilities, decision-making functions and authority connected with or in any way incidental to its responsibility to manage the affairs of KVH shall include the following:

To operate, direct and manage the Hospital; to set standards of performance; to maintain order and efficiencies; to direct employees; to determine the materials and equipment to be used; to determine the kind and location of facilities; to determine whether the whole, or any part of the operation shall continue to operate for budgetary or other reasons; to select and hire employees and to determine their qualifications; to establish, revise and implement standards for hiring, classification, promotion, quality of work, safety, materials, equipment, uniforms, appearance, methods, and procedures; to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees in positions, and to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action against employees for just cause. To discharge any employee deemed incompetent based upon established job criteria. Provided, however, KVH reserves the right to discharge any employee for unsatisfactory performance based upon reasonable related established job criteria, to expect reasonable overtime work of employees; and to unilaterally implement new, revise or terminate wholly or in part, old methods, procedures, policies, rules, materials, equipment, facilities and standards.

4.3 Exercise of Rights

The parties recognize that the above statement of management rights and responsibilities is for illustrative purpose only and should not be construed as restrictive or interpreted so as to exclude those prerogatives not mentioned which are inherent to the management function. All matters not covered by the language of this Agreement shall be administered by KVH on a
unilateral basis. KVH’s failure to exercise any right, prerogative or function reserved to it, or KVH’s exercise of any such right, prerogative or function in a particular way, shall not be considered a waiver of KVH’s right to exercise such right, prerogative or function or preclude it from exercising the same in some other way not in conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

5.1 Non-Discrimination

Neither KVH nor the Union shall discriminate against any employee in the bargaining unit in violation of applicable Federal and State Law on the basis of race, color, national origin, citizenship status, creed, religion, sex, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, union membership or activity or veteran, military status or legally protected class. Neither KVH nor any bargaining unit employee shall in any way discriminate against any employee.

5.2 Notice of Resignation

Employees shall be required to give at least fourteen (14) calendar days’ written notice of resignation. Failure to give notice shall result in the loss of accrued PTO. KVH will give consideration to circumstances which would make such notice impossible.
5.3 Discipline and Discharge

5.3.1 No employee shall be disciplined or discharged except for just cause. An employee who has received a written disciplinary notice or been suspended without pay or discharged without just cause is entitled to appeal such action through the Grievance Procedure.

5.3.2 The parties agree that discipline generally should be progressive in nature, according to the following pattern: verbal warning, written warning, unpaid suspension, and discharge. The parties agree that the particular discipline given will depend on the seriousness of the action.

5.3.3 A copy of all written disciplinary actions shall be given to the employee. Employees shall be required to sign the written disciplinary action for the purpose of acknowledging its receipt. Employees shall have the right to review and comment on letters of warning and performance evaluations currently in their personnel file and to request removal of warning notices after one (1) year, if no further written disciplinary action for the same reason has occurred during this one (1) year period. Removal shall be at the discretion of the Employer. Written warnings and suspensions shall expire after three (3) years for the purpose of determining any future progressive discipline. Such discipline, however, shall remain in the employee’s personnel file. In addition, KVH shall have the right to disregard the forgoing expiration period where the employee has demonstrated a recurring pattern in the progressive disciplinary process.

5.3.4 An employee may request the attendance of a Union delegate during any investigatory meeting which may reasonably lead to disciplinary action.

5.4 Personnel File

By appointment, an employee may inspect their personnel records at mutually convenient times under supervision. Employees shall have the right to comment on disciplinary actions and performance evaluations in their Personnel File.
5.5 Evaluations

Employees will be evaluated prior to completion of the probationary period and annually thereafter. Upon request, the employee will be given a copy of the evaluation. Employees will be given the opportunity to provide a written response to the evaluation, which will be retained with the evaluation in the employee's personnel file. Performance evaluations or performance improvement plans are not considered disciplinary action and are not subject to the grievance procedure.

5.6 Job Openings

All vacancies and new positions in the bargaining unit shall be posted internally for a period of seven (7) calendar days. Postings shall include job title, qualification, status, shift and rate of pay. External applicants can be sought during the same time period, however internal applicants will be considered first. If there are internal applicants, KVH will offer the vacancy to the employee who, in the sole determination of KVH, is the most qualified based upon skill, competence, and ability. Interviews will not be conducted prior to the posting period. In the event that there are two or more qualified internal employees, as determined by KVH, the employee with the greater seniority will be offered the position. If KVH determines that no internal applicant is qualified, KVH may post for and hire from outside applicants. Employees may not bid out of their current position within the first 90 days of employment unless otherwise approved by the department manager(s) in consultation with Human Resources.

In House Transfer Review/Probationary Period—An employee who has transferred positions within KVH on a full-time or part-time basis and who has been continuously employed by KVH for less than thirty (30) days in new position. The probationary period may be extended for up to one (1) additional thirty (30) calendar days. KVH will notify the employee in writing of areas requiring improvement within the initial thirty (30) calendar days of employment. Prior to extension KVH will notify the employee of areas needing improvement. If the employee does not successfully complete the review period, the employee has the option of returning to the prior department if there is an open position provided there are no documented performance concerns.

5.7 Parking

Employees shall be provided parking within facility parking lots. When working, on-call and night shift, employees may use reserved parking near lighted doors.

5.8 Contracting Out

KVH agrees to give at least sixty (60) days’ notice to the Union prior to any decision to contract out or signing a contract which will result in the elimination of positions for the majority of employees in a department or facility. Upon request by the Union, within ten (10) days notice to
the Union, KVH agrees to meet to discuss the effects of the decision and consider the feasibility of creating and/or implementing alternatives to the contracting that would satisfy its primary business needs.

In the event KVH decides to contract out a service which will result the elimination of a department or facility, KVH will make a good faith effort to obtain preferential hiring opportunities with the contracting entity for affected employees as an alternative to exercising layoff related rights under the collective bargaining agreement. Preferential hiring commitments include first consideration over other qualified candidates for positions created as a result of the contract and favorable treatment of such employment conditions as credit for seniority, PTO accruals, and health benefits.

ARTICLE 6: DEFINITIONS

6.1 Full-Time

An employee who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-two (32) hours per week during a forty (40) hour work week period, and who has successfully completed the required probationary period.

6.2 Part-time Core (benefit eligible):

An employee who is regularly scheduled to work more than sixteen (16) hours per week but fewer than thirty-two (32) hours per week during a forty (40) hour work week period, and who has successfully completed the required probationary period.

6.3 Part-time:

An employee who is regularly scheduled to work less than sixteen (16) hours per week during a forty (40) hour work week period, and who has successfully completed the required probationary period.

6.4 Casual Employee

A Casual, or Per Diem, employee is defined as an employee who only works intermittently and is not regularly scheduled pursuant to KVH’s request for scheduling. Casual employees are included in the bargaining unit only as follows:

- Currently employed Casual employees who have worked more than 348 hours in the twelve (12) month period prior to the ratification of this Agreement by the Union;
- Employees working more than 348 hours in any twelve (12) consecutive month period from an individual’s original employment date;
• If the employee has worked for less than twelve (12) months prior to the ratification of this Agreement by the Union, the employee shall be included in the bargaining unit if the employee worked an average of 29 hours per month for each month wherein the employee worked;
• After initial inclusion in the bargaining unit, an employee will continue to be included in the bargaining unit in subsequent years if the 348 hour threshold was met in the previous twelve (12) month period.

6.4.1

Casual employees shall not be used before first offering available hours to full-time and regular part-time employees who have submitted a written request for additional hours to their department supervisor, subject to the provisions of the next sentence. KVH has the right to assign Casual employees to work additional hours, if assigning additional hours to full-time or regular part-time employees would result in overtime or there are no written requests from full-time or regular part-time employees requesting additional hours.

6.5 Probationary Employee

An employee who has been hired by KVH on a full-time or part-time basis and who has been continuously employed by KVH for less than ninety (90) days. The probationary period may be extended for up to one (1) additional ninety (90) calendar days. KVH will notify the employee in writing of areas requiring improvement within the initial ninety (90) calendar days of employment. Prior to extension KVH will notify the employee of areas needing improvement. During the probationary period, an employee may be terminated without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure.

6.6 Temporary Employee

A Temporary employee is defined as an employee who is hired on an interim basis who is seasonal or is used to backfill positions temporarily vacated due to unanticipated vacancies, vacations, authorized leaves of absence, workers’ compensation leaves, military leave, or other emergency conditions. The term of a temporary employee shall not exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days during a calendar year. Temporary employees are excluded from the bargaining unit and are not covered under the terms of this Agreement.

6.7 Agency Workers

An Agency worker is hired through a contract with a third party and is an employee of that third party. Agency workers are excluded from the bargaining unit and are not covered under the terms of this Agreement.
6.8 Base Rate of Pay
The employee’s base hourly rate excluding all premiums and shift differentials.

6.9 Regular Hourly Rate
The employee’s regular rate of pay for purposes of calculating overtime shall include premiums and differentials.

ARTICLE 7: HOURS OF WORK
This Article defines the normal hours of work per day or per week in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement and establishes the basis for calculation of overtime. It is not a guarantee of a minimum number of hours of work per day, work period, month or year, and it is not intended to establish a right to compensation in any form for time not worked, unless specifically set forth in this Agreement.

7.1 Work Week Period
The basic work period shall consist of forty (40) hours of work in a designated seven (7) day period.

7.2 Work Period
Work periods shall consist of:
7.2.1
For employees scheduled to work eight (8) hour work periods, the basic work day shall consist of eight (8) hours’ work to be completed within eight and one-half (8 ½) consecutive hours.

7.2.2
For employees scheduled to work ten (10) hour work periods, the basic work day shall consist of ten (10) hours’ work to be completed within ten and one-half (10 1/2) consecutive hours.

7.2.3
For employees scheduled to work twelve (12) hour work periods, the basic work day shall consist of twelve (12) hours’ work to be completed within thirteen (13) consecutive hours.

7.2.4
Scheduling Work Periods: After the date of the ratification of this contract changes to an employee’s work period may be established by agreement between the hospital and individual employee or a group of employees within a particular unit or department taking into consideration such factors as employee interest, patient care needs, turnover and vacancy rates, the use of overtime and agency employees and employee morale. The process may be initiated by either the employee or the Department Director. If the participating employee(s) and their Director agree upon a new work period, it will be reduced to writing and submitted to the Human Resources Director for approval. If approved by the Human Resources Director, a written copy of the agreement will be given to the Union. With thirty days (30) notice KVH may change an employee’s work period to an eight (8) hour work period, however for all other periods, KVH and the employee must mutually agree before reverting back to a previously scheduled work period. The Hospital has the right to designate for new hires their work period.

7.3 Shift Rotation
Routine shift rotation is not an approach to staffing endorsed by KVH. Except for emergency situations where it may be necessary to provide safe patient care, shift rotation will not be utilized without mutual consent. If such an occasion should ever occur, volunteers will be sought first. If no one volunteers, KVH will rotate shifts on an inverse seniority basis until the staff vacancies are filled.
7.4 Work Schedules

KVH shall determine schedules and post monthly work schedules by the fifteenth (15) of each month. If the fifteenth (15) falls on a Saturday, the schedule shall be posted by the fourteenth (14) and if the fifteenth (15) falls on a Sunday, the schedule shall be posted by the sixteenth (16).
7.4.1 Changes in Work Schedules: It is recognized and understood that deviations from normal hours of work and changes in work schedules may occur from time to time, resulting from several causes, such as, but not limited to, vacations, leave of absence, weekend and holiday duty, absenteeism, employee requests, temporary shortage of personnel, low census and/or other emergency conditions. KVH retains the right to adjust hours of work and work schedules to maintain a safe, efficient, and orderly operation. Changes to the posted work schedule shall be communicated directly to the employee, preferably in person or by telephone, or by written communication or KVH e-mail, up to 3 days prior to the change.

7.4.2 Any request by an employee for PTO or scheduling outside of the regular work schedule must be submitted to the Department Director in writing no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the issuance of the monthly schedule, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

7.4.3 Only Department Directors, Supervisors, or designated employees are authorized to change work schedules.

7.4.4 Employees who wish to trade a particular shift must submit a written request to the Department Director within three (3) business days of the requested trade, or if mutually agreed otherwise. Such request may not be authorized if it would result in overtime or if it would result in shifts not covered, or if in the judgment of KVH, such trade would result in an unbalanced mix of skill levels during any one shift.

7.4.5 Employees who have unexpected PTO requests after the issuance of the monthly schedule, must arrange for their own coverage and submit a written request to the Department Director within three (3) business days of the requested time off unless mutually agreed otherwise. Such request may not be authorized if it would result in overtime or if it would result in shifts not covered, or if in the judgment of KVH, such trade would result in an unbalanced mix of skill levels during any one shift.

7.5 Overtime
Statutory overtime will be paid at 1 and ½ (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay for all hours actually worked over forty (40) in the work week period, as designated by KVH. Time paid but not worked shall not count as time worked for purposes of computing overtime pay. All overtime is subject to approval of the supervisor prior to being worked. There shall be no pyramiding or duplication of overtime pay or other premium pay.

Overtime within a department shall be made available to employees on an equitable basis and rotated among volunteers based on seniority. Preference shall be given to Employees of KVH volunteering for overtime before offering overtime to agency employees.

7.6 Additional Hours

Subject to scheduling requirements and the qualifications required of the task to be performed, regular employees who notify their supervisor in writing that they want extra hours within their classification and department shall be given an opportunity to work extra available shifts prior to calling in per diem employees. Additional hours will only be assigned if the employee is able to work the hours on a straight time basis without incurring overtime. Assignment of hours that occur due to unfilled shifts on the schedule and do incur overtime will be rotated on based on seniority.

7.7 Meal and Rest Periods

Meal periods and rest periods shall be administered in accordance with state law. Employees shall be allowed an unpaid meal period of one-half (1/2) hour. Employees required by KVH to remain on duty during their meal period shall be compensated for such time at the appropriate rate of pay. All employees shall be allowed a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes either intermittent or scheduled, on KVH’s time, for each four (4) hours of working time. With prior written supervisory approval, meal and/or rest periods may be combined.

7.8 Weekends

KVH will endeavor to schedule all regular full and part-time employees at least every other weekend off. This section shall not apply to employees who request the trading of weekends or to employees who agree to work regularly recurring weekend positions or to employees who are on-call.

7.9 Rest Between Shifts

In scheduling work assignments, KVH will endeavor to provide each employee with at least twelve (12) hours off duty between shifts.
ARTICLE 8:  CLASSIFICATION AND RATES OF PAY

8.1 Wage Increase

8.1.1
Effective the first full pay period after the parties’ ratification of this agreement, each bargaining unit employee will receive the agreed upon wage increase as specified in Appendix A.

8.1.2
Anniversary Step Advancement- Each bargaining unit employee will thereafter move to the next applicable step on Appendix A on his or her anniversary date. Step increases shall become effective the first full pay period after the employee’s anniversary date. Upon ratification of this agreement, employees who reach the top of the pay scale may choose from the following:

- $500 lump sum payment, pro-rated for Part-time and Casual employees calculated by hours worked in the previous 12 months, or;
- 8 hours of PTO, prorated for Part-time employees calculated by hours worked in the previous 12 months, added to the employee’s PTO bank.

These benefits are available on the first full pay period following the anniversary date.

8.1.3
The parties agree to open the Agreement on May 1, 2019 specifically and only to negotiate wage grades for the remaining two years of the Agreement.

8.2 Hire-In Rates

New employees shall be credited with years of experience in applicable classifications for placement on the wage scales.

Hire-In rates will be based upon the following ratios for continuous, recent, applicable experience:

- Nursing: 1 year per step
- Clinical/Professional: 2 years per step
Support: 3 years per step

See Appendix B for classification by position

Human Resources shall notify the Union when any employees with the same or less experience are hired in at a step higher than other employees in that job classification. The effected employees will then be adjusted to match that rate of pay retroactive to the new hires date of employment. The Union or employees may also request a review if they believe this provision has been violated and Human Resources shall review and respond in writing no longer than thirty (30) days form the inquiry. Any adjustments shall be retroactive to that new employee’s date of hires.

If an employee leaves voluntarily and returns to a similar position within two (2) years, the employee shall be reinstated at no less than the step at which they were placed when they vacated the position.

8.3 New Job Positions

In the event new job positions within the bargaining unit are created by KVH, the parties agree to negotiate a rate of pay for such new position.

ARTICLE 9:
SENIORITY-LAYOFF-RESTRUCTURE-LOW CENSUS

9.1 Definition of Seniority

For benefit and layoff purposes: Seniority shall mean an employee’s continuous length of service at Klickitat Valley Health from the original date of hire.

For hiring/transfer purposes: Seniority shall mean an employee’s continuous length of service at Klickitat Valley Health from date of hire within a particular job class.
Seniority shall not apply to an employee until completion of the required probationary period. Upon satisfactory completion of this probationary period, the employee shall be credited with seniority from most recent date of hire.
Seniority for layoff purposes shall be calculated as of the end of the first full pay period ending immediately prior to the date upon which notice of Layoff is sent to the Union.
9.2 Loss of Seniority

Seniority shall be terminated if an employee is absent due to illness or injury for more than twelve (12) consecutive calendar months or for a period equal to the employee’s length of service (whichever is less), quits, retires or is discharged. Seniority shall also be terminated if an employee is laid off and not reinstated for more than the time periods specified in this Article.

9.3 Low Census

Low census is defined as a decline in patient care requirements or workload in a particular department resulting in a temporary staff decrease. During temporary periods of low census, KVH will first ask for volunteers within the job position to take time off before determining and implementing the reduced staffing schedule required. In the event there are no volunteers, KVH will endeavor to rotate low census equitably among all employees on the shift starting with the least senior employee first, providing skills, competence, ability and availability are considered equal as determined by KVH. Employees who are released from work for their entire shift during temporary periods of low census may be placed on standby status if required by KVH. Employees who are placed on low census standby may have up to 1 hour to return to work upon callback.

During temporary periods of low census, employees within a job classification in a department and shift will be released from work in the following order:

A. Volunteers  
B. Agency/Travelers  
C. Employees on overtime status  
D. Per Diem employees  
E. Employees scheduled to work extra shifts above their FTE  
F. Regular full-time and part-time employees. Preceptors and employees who are being precepted will not be subject to low census.

If an individual volunteers to take a low census day off, that day shall be counted for purposes of the departmental rotation list. Employees who are subject to low census may use accrued PTO and such time will count in the low census rotations. Employees who receive on-call pay, may elect to use PTO time to supplement lost income due to low census. All hours reported as low census hours will be benefited as worked.

9.4 Low Census Call-Back

Any employee who is asked to stay home or is sent home on a regularly scheduled work day due to low census and is placed on standby, shall receive on-call pay in accordance with this Agreement. If called back to work, the employee shall be compensated as outlined in Article
10.1.2 Call In. Employees subject to low census may volunteer to be assigned to other units if work is available and the employee is qualified.

9.5 Report Pay

Employees who report for work as scheduled (unless otherwise notified in advance) and are immediately released from duty by KVH for low census will receive the following minimum hours of pay at their base rate:

1. An employee scheduled to work an eight (8) hour work period will receive two (2) hours.
2. An employee scheduled to work a ten (10) hour work period will receive three (3) hours.
3. An employee scheduled to work a twelve (12) hour work period will receive four (4) hours.

This commitment shall not apply when KVH has made a good faith effort to notify the employee at least one (1) hour in advance of the scheduled shift not to report to work. Documented attempts to reach the employee will be recorded. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to notify KVH of the employee’s current address and phone number listed with the Human Resources Department. An employee’s failure to do so shall excuse KVH from the notification requirement.

9.6 Layoff and Recall

A. Layoff Defined: A layoff is defined as a permanent or prolonged reduction in the number of employees or work week hours. Layoffs shall be by job position within a department. KVH retains the right to determine when and if layoffs are necessary as well as the number of employees who will be affected.

B. Order of Layoff: Agency and temporary personnel, travelers, probationary, per diem employees within the affected department will be released prior to laying off regular full-time or part-time employees, providing, skill, competence, and ability are considered substantially equal in the opinion of KVH. For regular full-time and regular part-time employees, the employee(s) with the least amount of seniority shall be laid off first, providing skill, competence and ability are considered substantially equal in the opinion of KVH. Prior to implementing a layoff, KVH will seek volunteers for layoff from among regular employees in those job titles and departments affected by the layoff. Open (vacant) positions for which affected workers may be qualified for will not be filled during the period beginning with the notice of layoff to the date of the layoff.

C. Layoff Options: An employee who is subject to layoff has the following options:
   a. Accept a vacant position in accordance with this Agreement.
   b. Be placed on the reinstatement roster for eighteen (18) months in accordance with Section F of this Article.

D. Notice of Layoff: Employees who are laid off will be given at least thirty (30) calendar days notice of layoff or will receive pay in lieu of notice for all scheduled days in that
thirty (30) day period except for unforeseeable conditions preventing such notice which are beyond KVH’s control. KVH will also provide the Union with at least thirty (30) calendar days notice prior to layoff of bargaining unit employees. At the same time it provides notice of layoff, KVH will also provide the Union with a list of bargaining unit employees subject to layoff, a seniority roster, and a listing of any vacant bargaining unit positions. The listing of vacant positions shall include department and title, and employment status (FTE and shift). Upon request, KVH and the Union will meet as soon as possible after KVH provides notice of layoff(s) for the purpose of reviewing employees subject to the layoff, the seniority roster, vacant bargaining unit positions, and the order of layoff, provide that such meeting shall not delay the layoffs.

E. Reassignment: In the event that a layoff results in more or fewer employees being assigned to a shift than required, KVH will seek volunteers to move to a different shift. If there are not volunteers, the least senior employee on the affected shift(s) will be reassigned provided that such reassignment does not result in an inappropriate skill mix on any particular shift.

F. Reinstatement Roster: Employees who elect to be placed on the reinstatement roster in accordance with this Agreement will remain on the reinstatement roster for the period specified. If the employee’s original position in a department is reinstated while the employee is on the reinstatement roster, the displaced employee on the reinstatement roster has first preference in reclaiming the position. Employees on the reinstatement roster may apply for any open position that becomes available. Such employees will have preference over other applicants, but will compete among themselves for open positions based on overall qualifications for the position in accordance with this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, transfer within a department will have preference over a recalled employee unless the recalled employee is from the applicable unit and is more senior. If an employee applies for and is offered an open position, s/he must accept it or s/he will be deemed to have resigned. To be considered, application must be made within the applicable posting period in accordance with this Agreement.

G. Forfeiture of Reinstatement Rights: An employee shall forfeit further reinstatement rights by failing to respond to a job offer from KVH regarding the employee’s intent to return to work within seven (7) calendar days after the date the signed receipt of certified mail is received. Recall notice is sent by certified mail to the employee’s last address on record with KVH.

H. Per Diem Work: A Per Diem employee on the reinstatement roster shall be eligible for Per Diem work. Acceptance of Per Diem work while on layoff shall not affect the employee’s placement on the reinstatement roster.

I. Employment Status During Layoff: An employee on the reinstatement roster shall retain employment status and benefits accrued to the date of layoff, but shall not accrue seniority and benefits while on layoff. If reinstated, the employee shall have previously accrued seniority and eligible benefits restored subject to applicable state and federal laws. The employee shall again commence accruing seniority and benefits.
9.7 Insurance Benefits

KVH will pay its share of the insurance premiums for a laid-off employee for the remainder of the premium period (which is currently the calendar month) in which the layoff occurred. Laid-off employees may continue KVH’s insurance under applicable Employer COBRA continuation policies while on layoff.

9.8 Department Restructure

In the event of a restructuring of an existing department or unit KVH will determine the number of regular full-time and regular part-time FTEs by shift and work period required for the new or restructured department. KVH will provide at least sixty (60) calendar days notice of such intended change, unless there is an emergency. In the case of an emergency, KVH will provide as much notice as is permissible under the circumstances. During the sixty (60) calendar day notice time frame, KVH will meet with the employees of the affected department(s) to discuss the reconfiguration of the FTEs and work periods in the department(s) and the new work schedules. Employees within a title may bid for the same FTE/same work period they had prior to the restructuring, based on seniority, providing skill, competence and ability are considered substantially equal in the opinion of KVH. The employer will post a seniority list in the affected department. If through this bid process an employee is unable to retain the same FTE/same work period he/she had prior to the restructuring, he/she may bump to other FTE/work period within the employee’s title based on seniority, providing skill, competence and ability are considered substantially equal in the opinion of KVH. If an employee is not assigned a position on the new or restructured department, the employee shall be considered to be laid off and shall have the options identified in Section 9.6 of this Article.

9.9 Hour Reduction

If a permanent reduction in assigned hours of work is determined by KVH to be necessary, KVH will first ask for volunteers from the department and shift where changes are needed. When involuntary reductions are needed, KVH will reduce the hours of the least senior person in the department and shift, subject to patient care needs, staffing considerations and hours of operation.

An employee who is assigned to an FTE status whose hours are involuntarily reduced more than .25 FTE shall have the following options:

A. The employee shall, by seniority, be offered any vacant positions for which they are qualified prior to the vacant positions being offered to employees not subject to hours reduction.

B. Accept the reduced hours. An employee choosing this option may elect to be placed on the reinstatement roster in accordance with Section 9.6, above.
C. If the employee is not the least senior employee, the employee may displace the least senior employee in the job classification in the bargaining unit.

In the event that additional regular hours in a title become available on a continuing basis in the department, KVH will offer the hours of the regular continuing schedule to the most senior employee in the title who has had an FTE reduction under this Section within the preceding twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE 10: COMPENSATION

10.1 Other Compensation

10.1.1 On Call/Standby.

Employees who are on-call shall be paid $4.00 per hour on weekdays and $5.00 per hour on weekends. On-call duty (time not worked) shall not be counted as hours worked for purposes of computing overtime or employee benefits.

10.1.2 Call In.

If an employee is called in to work while on-call, the employee shall be guaranteed a minimum of one hour of pay at one and one half (1 ½) times the employee’s base rate of pay, or as specified for the job classification in the designated appendix. An employee will be compensated for one (1) one-hour callback within each callback period and will be required to stay on-site during the callback period. There shall be no pyramiding or duplication of callback pay.
Example: If an employee that is on call is called in to work from 2am to 2:30am and is then called back to work from 2:40am to 2:55am, the employee would receive one (1) hour at one and one half (1 ½) the rate of base pay. If the employee were called in to work from 2am to 2:30am and then was called back at 2:45am and worked until 3:05am, the employee would receive two (2) hours at one and one half( 1 ½) times the rate of base pay.

10.1.3 Work on Holidays.

Employees shall receive one and one half (1 ½) times their base rate of pay for all hours worked on a holiday when a majority of the hours worked fall on any of the following Holidays. Work on holidays shall be rotated by the hospital based on seniority or unless mutually agreed upon by the entire department in writing. The holiday is considered to begin at midnight (12:00 a.m.) on the holiday and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the holiday.


10.1.4 10.1.3.1

In observance of a holiday, if a department is closed the day before or the day after, an employee may choose to use “low census PTO” or “low census no PTO”.

10.1.5 Weekday Shift Differential.

Employees who work the majority of their work period hours between 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. on weekdays, shall receive $1.00 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift. Employees who the majority of their work period hours between 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. on weekdays shall receive $2.00 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift.

10.1.4.1

Registered Nurses who the majority of their work period hours between 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. on weekdays shall receive $3.00 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift.

10.1.4.2

LPNs who work the majority of their work period hours between 11 p.m. -7 a.m. on weekdays shall receive two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift.

10.1.6 Weekend Premium Pay.
Employees who work between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, shall receive $1.50 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift. Employees who work between 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, shall receive $2.50 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift. Employees who work between 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday, shall receive $3.50 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked during that shift.

10.1.5.1

Registered Nurses who work the weekend day shift Saturday and Sunday shall receive $2.50 per hour over the base rate for all hours worked during that shift. Registered Nurses who are scheduled to work the weekend night shift (Friday and Saturday) shall receive $4.50 per hour over the base rate for all hours worked during that shift.

10.1.7 Certification Pay.

Employees certified by a nationally recognized specialty organization in the practice area of their primary assignment and pre-approved by KVH shall receive $1.00 per hour over their base rate for all hours worked. Maximum of two (2) certifications. Labor Management to review list of approved certifications; KVH with final say. See Appendix C for current listing of approved certifications.

10.1.8 Charge Nurse Pay.

Nurses performing Charge Nurse Duties assigned by KVH or with the approval of the Department Head shall receive two dollars ($2.00) over their base rate of pay.

10.1.9 Preceptor Pay.

A preceptor is an employee experienced and proficient in teaching and communication skills and is assigned by the employer the responsibility for planning, organizing and evaluating the training of newly hired employees. Preceptors must complete a certification course provided by KVH and sign an addendum to the job description outlining the specific responsibilities. Based on the new employee’s prior experience, a decision will be made as to whether an assignment of preceptor(s) or a general orientation will be applicable. At the time the assignment is made, an employee may refuse preceptor duties however the manager may at any time mutually agree to change the employee’s preceptor assignment. An employee who does not wish to participate as a preceptor will not be penalized for that decision, provided that there are qualified employees, willing and available to precept, to meet the employer’s requirements. It is understood that employees in the ordinary course of their responsibility will be expected to participate in the general assistance, support, guidance, and orientation for new employees. A preceptor shall receive a premium of one dollar ($1.00) per hour.
10.1.10 Lead Differential:
Employees appointed the lead position by department manager shall receive a premium of one dollar ($1.00) per hour over their base rate for pay for all hours worked in that capacity.

10.1.11 Emergency Assignment:
If an employee is temporarily assigned to their secondary job code within 48 hours of the shift, they shall be compensated at the higher rate of pay.

ARTICLE 11: HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

11.1 Medical Vision Dental Insurance

11.1.1 KVH Shall Manage the Insurance Plans.
The current insurance plans are offered for full time employees only and will be identified in a summary of benefits prepared by KVH on an annual basis and made available to all employees.

11.1.2 Medical Vision Dental Insurance:
During the term of this agreement, KVH shall pay up to $850 per month for each full-time employee for KVH approved Medical, Vision, Dental, Long Term Disability and Life / AD&D plans. Any increase in the above rates during the term of this agreement per month shall be shared 50% by KVH and 50% by the employee. Each employee is required to pay the cost of covering any dependents.

11.1.3 Benefit Committee:
The Union and the Employer will work jointly with the purpose of reducing the healthcare costs for both the employer and the employees of KVH. The Union and the Employer would appoint a committee of equal number for the Union and the Employer for the sole purpose of exploring healthcare plan options. The options would include but not be limited to the PEBB, a self-insured plan, a cost reduced partial or fully insured plan.

The Union and the Employer will meet quarterly or more often as needed. If no plan change can be agreed upon by the Union and the employer, the employer share will increase as follows:

Effective March 1, 2019, the monthly cap will increase to $875 per month

Effective March 1, 2020 the monthly cap will increase to $900 per month
11.1.4

In the event that KVH or the insurer proposes to cancel or materially change any existing program benefits during the term of this Agreement, KVH will use its best efforts to secure another carrier to provide the same, or as similar as possible, level of benefits to employees.

11.1.5

KVH expressly agrees to advise the Union of the pending change in benefits and meet for the purpose of negotiating the effects of any such proposed benefit changes in bargaining unit member coverage as defined in this Agreement. The language of this provision shall not be construed as a waiver, by either party, of the right to negotiate, if any, over any change in the insurance plan benefits.

11.2 Other Benefits

All other benefits as listed below shall be managed by KVH, shall be identified in a summary of benefits prepared by KVH on an annual basis and shall be made available to all benefit-eligible employees. KVH may change, modify or discontinue other benefits during the term of this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Union. Upon request by the Union, KVH will discuss such changes to modify or terminate such benefits but retains the sole discretion to implement such changes or termination.
11.2.1 Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance:
Available to full time employees.

11.2.2 Long Term Disability Insurance:
Available to Full time employees.

11.2.3 Retirement 403(b):
Available to those meeting hours requirements of plan. The program is a tax-sheltered investment plan with KVH and employee contributions. KVH contributes two and one half (2 1/2%) of the annual gross on a monthly basis.

11.2.4 Flexible Spending Account/Dependant Care Account

11.2.5 Short Term Disability:
The Employer shall provide a short-term disability benefit for employees: 50/50 split (employee/employer) of payment of the premium for a plan that provides access after elimination period (full-time equivalent of a full week).

11.2.6 Wellness Program:
Available to all employees

11.2.7 Medical Services Credit:
A $300 annual medical services credit is available to all Full-time employees and their dependents upon request. The credit may be applied to co-pays and co-insurance/deductibles for dates of service performed at KVH within the same calendar year.

ARTICLE 12: PAID TIME OFF

12.1 Paid Time Off Program
The purpose of the Paid Time Off Program (PTO) is to allow each eligible employee to utilize PTO as the employee determines best fits the employee’s personal needs and desires, including sick leave, medical appointments, personal time, holidays, or vacation.
12.2 Eligibility

Only full-time and part-time core employees are eligible for PTO.

12.3 Availability to Use

PTO begins to accrue upon hire. Accruals are available for use in the pay period following successful completion of the probationary period. PTO may not be taken before it actually accrues.

12.4 Accrual of PTO

Accruals are based upon longevity and status as a full or part-time employee. PTO does not accrue during unpaid leaves of absences greater than one (1) pay period. Effective the first full pay period in July 2015: Accrual Chart for Full Time Employees – per hours paid each pay period. Part-time employees accrue on a pro rata basis, also based on hours paid.

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12.5 Scheduled PTO

PTO must be taken in one quarter (.25)-hour segments and must be used when taking authorized leave time not to exceed forty (40) paid hours in a work week. PTO will be scheduled by the Department Director/designee. PTO requests must be submitted to the Department Director or designee in writing no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the issuance of the monthly schedule.
12.6 PTO Use for Unanticipated Medical Reasons

Employees may use PTO due to unanticipated medical reasons for the employee or their family (i.e., sickness, injury, emergency medical treatments, and unscheduled medical appointments) subject to the following conditions:

12.6.1 Workers Compensation:

In the event of an occupational illness or injury, PTO may be used at the employee’s request, for lost work time not covered by Workers’ Compensation Insurance. PTO can be integrated with Workers’ Compensation to the extent available to continue normal earnings.

12.6.2 Notification of Absence:

Employees should try to give notice of their absence as soon as possible before commencement of the scheduled work day. In addition, Employees are required to notify KVH in accordance with department policies in advance of the scheduled shift. The Employee must also notify KVH for each day of absence if the employee is unable to work unless prior arrangements have been made with supervision. Failure to give the minimum proper notification will be grounds for progressive discipline up to termination of employment.

12.7 Proof of Illness

KVH may require that an employee provide a physician’s written verification of illness and inability to work in cases of unscheduled absences following three (3) or more consecutive work days of unscheduled absence.

12.8 Fitness for Duty

KVH reserves the right to require a medical determination for fitness for duty upon return from illness or injury.

12.9 Abuse of PTO

Failure of the employee to follow the PTO policy may result in discipline.

12.10 Unpaid Time Off

Employees must first exhaust their accrued PTO time before using authorized Unpaid Leave time (UTO) with the following exceptions:
12.10.1 Collective Bargaining:

Employees who attend collective bargaining sessions on behalf of the Union may have such
time charged as unpaid time off rather than PTO.

12.10.2 Tardiness:

An employee who is tardy will have such time charged as unpaid time off and may not
use PTO.

12.10.3 Disaster Aid:

If KVH approves an employee’s written request for absence from work to perform
volunteer disaster relief service, the employee may use unpaid time off rather than PTO.

12.11 PTO Cash Out

Employees who have been continuously employed for one (1) year may request one cash-out
per calendar year of up to 80 hours of accrued PTO. PTO cash out must be made in whole
hour increments and the employee must retain a minimum of eighty (80) hours in their PTO to
be eligible for cash out. PTO cash outs will be made on regularly scheduled pay days.
Requests for cash-out must be made at least four (4) weeks prior to the desired cash out and
submitted to Human Resources on a KVH PTO Cash-Out form. PTO cash out shall be made at
the employee’s base rate of pay in effect at the time the cash-out form was submitted.

12.12 Payment Upon Termination

Upon termination of employment, an employee may be eligible for payout of PTO accrual
earned but not used. PTO payout shall be made at the employee’s base rate of pay at the time
of termination. If the employee (1) resigns and gives fourteen (14) calendar days written notice,
or (2) is laid off from employment with KVH (this does not include low census adjustments), the
Employee shall receive a pay-off of accrued but unused PTO credits. Unless the employee is
on a bona fide leave of absence at the time of notice, or has a documented illness, he or she
must work all scheduled shifts during the notice period or shall not be eligible to receive payout
of PTO.

ARTICLE 13: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

13.1 In General

All leaves of absence are to be requested from the employee in writing with thirty (30) days
notice where possible, otherwise as far in advance as possible, stating the reason for the leave,
the amount of time requested off, and the proposed start and return date. A written reply to grant or deny the request shall be given by KVH within thirty (30) days. A leave of absence begins on the first day of absence from work.

Employees must use PTO leave before converting to an unpaid leave status. KVH reserves the right to require a medical determination for fitness for duty upon return from a leave of absence. Failure to return from leave on or by the specified date forfeits the employee return rights.

13.2 Maternity Disability Leave

In the case of pregnancy, an employee will be granted a leave of absence for the period of the employee’s temporary disability caused by pregnancy or childbirth as verified by a qualified health care provider.

13.3 Family and Medical Leave

Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and the Washington State Family Medical Leave Act, eligible employees will be granted family/medical leave for up to twelve (12) weeks during a twelve (12) month period as provided by law:

1. to care for a newborn, newly adopted or newly placed foster child; or
2. to care for the serious health condition of one’s child, spouse, domestic partner, or parent; or
3. to care for one’s own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee’s job.

KVH shall maintain the employee’s health benefits during this leave and shall reinstate the employee to the employee’s former or equivalent position at the conclusion of the leave. The use of family leave shall not result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the commencement of the leave. Under certain conditions, family leave may be taken intermittently or on a reduced work schedule.

KVH may require or the employee may elect to use accrued paid leave time for which the employee is eligible during family leave. Use of paid leave time will be in accordance with the terms of the Washington State Family Care Act as amended. In addition, the employee is entitled access to other paid leave state funds provided for family leave under applicable Washington State Law.
13.3.1 Leave Combined.

An employee may guarantee his/her position (same department or unit if applicable, shift and FTE status) for a period of up to the period of temporary disability plus twelve (12) weeks by combining her maternity and family leave. The total amount of combined maternity and family leave cannot exceed the period of disability plus twelve (12) weeks.

13.4 Military Leave

Leave required in order for an employee to maintain status in a military reserve of the United States shall be granted without pay, without loss of benefits accrued to the date such leave commences, and shall not be considered part of the employee’s earned annual leave time. An employee who enlists or is drafted into the military service of the United States should be accorded those rights as set forth in the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and any other applicable federal and state law.

13.5 Leave Without Pay

Employees on authorized leave without pay for twelve (12) months or less shall not accrue or lose seniority during the leave of absence.

13.6 Leave With Pay

Authorized leave with pay shall not affect an employee’s compensation, accrued hours, benefits or status with KVH.

13.7 Return From Personal Leave

Unless otherwise provided for herein or by law, employees who return to work on a timely basis in accordance with an approved leave of absence agreement shall be entitled to the first available opening in his or her job position for which the employee is qualified, unless a more senior employee in the position and in the unit or department applies for the position. An employee awaiting return to work following a leave of absence may bid on vacant positions in the same manner as any other employee.

13.8 Jury Duty

All full time and part time employees who are required to serve on jury duty or who are called to be a witness on behalf of KVH in any judicial proceeding, shall be compensated by KVH for the difference between their jury duty/witness fee pay and their base rate of pay and shall not be required to use PTO hours. KVH may request proof of the jury duty summons and attendance. If the employee is released from jury duty during a scheduled work period, the employee may
return to work at the request of the supervisor. Night shift employees may elect to receive compensation under this section for either the shift before or following jury duty. KVH may request verification from the employee to confirm the basis for the leave.

13.9 Bereavement Leave

Bereavement leave of up to three (3) days leave with pay for regularly scheduled hours of work shall be granted to a full-time or part-time employee because of death in his/her immediate or extended family. Employees shall be paid at their base rate of pay. Immediate family shall be defined as wife, husband, domestic partner, brother, sister, child, stepchild, parent, grandchild, grandparent, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of the employee, and any relations living in the employee’s household. Extended family shall be defined as domestic partner, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, and nephew. KVH may request verification from the employee to confirm the basis for the leave.

An additional two (2) days of bereavement leave pay shall be granted with the loss of a child or a spouse / domestic partner or when an employee is required to travel more than 400 miles one way to attend the funeral or to complete arrangements.

13.10 Union Leave

Employees who wish a leave for the purpose of attending and participation in union functions or programs, such as meetings, conventions, seminars or other meetings called by the union may request such leave under the following conditions:

A. Use of approved PTO  
B. Take leave without pay

Subject to appropriate advance notice and scheduling requirements, employees will be granted a leave of absence up to two (2) weeks with guaranteed same job back without loss of benefits / seniority accrued to the date such leave commences. A maximum of one employee in the bargaining unit will be approved to be on leave at any one time.

ARTICLE 14: DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

14.1 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace

KVH and the Union agree that employees in the workplace should be free from the effects of drug and alcohol use. Employees are prohibited from the illegal use, sale, dispensing, distribution, possession, or manufacture of illegal drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, alcoholic beverage or smelling of alcohol on KVH premises, at work sites or when on call.
Employees believed to be under the influence of drugs, narcotics, or alcohol, or smelling of alcohol, may be required to leave the premises and/or may be required to take a drug or alcohol test.

14.2 Drug or Alcohol Treatment

KVH and the Union recognize that alcohol and chemical dependency can be chronic and treatable conditions. Subject to applicable regulatory rules, KVH and the Union support efforts which will enable the chemically impaired employee to remain in the medical field so long as performance and quality of care expectations are maintained. Efforts should be made by the employee to identify these conditions and the treatment options at an early stage to prevent or minimize erosion in work performance. KVH and the Union will encourage and support employee participation in a treatment program, including individually tailored return to work agreements, through which employees may seek confidential assistance in the resolution of chemical dependency or other problems which may impact job performance. However, the employee will not be allowed to return to work until certification is presented to Human Resources Director that the employee is capable of performing his or her job. Employee is responsible for payment for any treatment program. The employee may use accrued PTO or medical leave of absence under the same terms as other health conditions. It is the intention of KVH to work with an employee to adjust their work schedule on an ad hoc temporary basis to support the chemically dependent employee’s participation in prescribed treatment programs. KVH and the Union acknowledge that employees continue to be responsible for maintaining satisfactory job performance and attendance and quality of care and for compliance with KVH’s policies and procedures.

ARTICLE 15: COMMITTEES

15.1 Labor/Management Committee

KVH, jointly with employees selected by the Union, shall establish a Labor/Management Committee.

Although advisory in nature, the Committee will be expected to assist in the development of positive change which can be implemented by KVH with successful results. The Committee will review its progress and effectiveness annually. Minutes will be kept of each meeting for distribution to all members of the Committee. The Union and KVH will take turns taking and distributing meeting minutes.
15.1.1
The purpose of the Labor/Management Committee (Committee) shall be to foster improved communication between KVH and employees, to improve working conditions and patient/employee satisfaction, improve quality of nursing practices, staffing issues and to assist with personnel and mutual problems.

15.1.2
The function of the Committee shall be limited to an advisory rather than a decision-making capacity. The Committee will recommend solutions to identified problems. The Committee shall be established on a permanent basis and shall consist of not more than five (5) representatives each of KVH and the bargaining unit employees. The number of Committee participants may be amended by mutual agreement of KVH and the Union.

15.1.3
The Committee shall meet not less than bi-monthly or as often as mutually agreed. The Committee shall operate under guidance of co-chairs, one to be selected by KVH and one to be selected by the Union. The Committee shall prepare an agenda of topics to be discussed prior to the meeting date. The meeting will be no longer than two (2) hours in length.

15.2 Tuition Assistance Committee
The union may appoint up to three (3) bargaining unit members to participate on the Tuition Assistance Committee which shall meet semi-annually and work jointly to explore options to expand and provide education opportunities and a career ladder for those employees who wish to stay with KVH.

15.3 Benefit Committee- see article 11.1.3

15.4 Safety Committee- see article 17.1

15.5 Compensation
Employees shall be compensated at their base rate of pay for time spent in Committee meetings.
ARTICLE 16: STAFFING

16.1 Staffing / Workload Concerns

The Union and the Employer acknowledge that together the parties endeavor to provide a level of staffing consistent with safe working conditions and the service the parties provide to the community. The parties are committed to the proposition that adequate staffing is necessary to meet the needs of our departments and to provide quality services.

Employee(s) who work in areas that are not nursing care units and who have concerns about staffing or workloads are encouraged to address the issues directly with their manager. Many staffing/workload issues, if addressed with the manager at the time of occurrence, can be resolved through adjustment in assignments or through the use of other staffing resources.

The employee(s) involved in the staffing concern may request the issue be presented to the Labor/Management Committee when:

- The manager has not responded to a documented concern within fourteen (14) days; or
- Persistent staffing concerns (e.g., lasting 6 weeks) continue to exist and have been documented, with the documentation given to the manager involved.

The parties recognize the final decision on staffing/workload issues rest with the Employer whose responsibility it is to ensure that an appropriate level of service is provided. The determination of staffing/workload shall not be subject to grievance and arbitration, nor shall employees be subject to disciplinary action for utilizing this process.

16.1.2 Joint Staffing Committee: Such as the Hospital has established a joint staffing committee, the primary responsibility of the committee will be:

- Develop and provide oversight of an annual patient care and shift-based staffing plan, based on the needs of the patients to be used as the primary component of the staffing budget. Factors to be considered in the development of the plan should include, but are not limited to:
  - Census, including total number of patients on the unit on each shift and activity such as patient discharges, admissions, and transfers.
  - Level of acuity/ intensity, as determined by the nursing assessment of all patients, and the nature of the care to be delivered on each shift.
  - Skill mix required
  - Level of experience and specialty certification or training of nursing personnel providing care.
  - The architecture and geography of the patient care unit, including but not limited to placement of patient rooms, treatment areas, nursing stations, medication preparation areas and equipment. The need for specialized or intensive equipment
vi. Staffing guidelines adopted or published by national nursing professional associations, specialty nursing associations and other professional healthcare organizations

b) Semiannual review of the staffing plan against need and known evidence-based staffing information, including nursing sensitive quality indicators collected by the Hospital. The staffing plan must not diminish other standards contained in state or federal law and rules, or the terms of an applicable collective bargaining agreement, if any between the hospital and a representative of the nursing staff.

c) Review, assessment, and response to staffing concerns presented to the Committee

d) The Joint Staffing Committee will produce the Hospital’s annual nurse staffing plan, and present it to the Hospital’s Chief Executive Officer.

e) If the staffing plan compiled by the Joint Staffing Committee is not adopted by the Hospital, the CEO shall provide a written explanation of the reasons why to the Committee at the next scheduled Joint Staffing Committee meeting.

f) The hospital shall post in a public area on each patient care unit the nurse staffing plan and the nurse staffing schedule for that shift on that unit as well as the relevant clinical staffing for the shift. The staffing plan and current staffing levels must also be made available to patients and visitors upon request.

g) Collect and report nurse sensitive quality outcome data a recommended by the committee.

Composition of the Joint Staffing Committee shall be composed of at least 50% nursing staff to include up to 4 representatives to be selected by the Union. Participation in the Joint Staffing Committee will be on scheduled work time and compensated at the appropriate rate of pay. Committee members shall be relieved of all other work duties during the meeting of the committee.

The Hospital will not retaliate against or engage in any form of intimidation of an employee for performing any duties or responsibilities in connection with the Joint staffing Committee, or any employee who informs the Joint Staffing Committee of the Hospital administration of his/her concerns about nurse staffing.

ARTICLE 17: HEALTH AND SAFETY

KVH will maintain a safe and healthful workplace in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws applicable to the safety and health of its employees.

17.1 Safety Committee

KVH will continue its Safety committee in accordance with all regulatory requirements. The purpose of this committee shall be to investigate safety and health issues and to advise KVH on
education and preventative health measures for the workplace and its employees. All bargaining unit employees who serve on the committee will be appointed by the Union.

17.2 TB Testing

All employees will be tested at no cost for Tuberculosis as required by law. Any employee at the request of KVH or employee may be tested more frequently consistent with existing protocols.

17.3 Hepatitis B Vaccine

KVH will provide, free of charge, Hepatitis B vaccine to those employees who desire the immunization consistent with existing protocols.

ARTICLE 18: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

18.1 Grievance Defined

A grievance is defined as an alleged breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Grievances must be brought by individual employees. Resolutions to grievances that impact more than one employee shall be applied consistently with, and subject to, other areas of this agreement.

18.2 Time Limits

Time limits set forth in the following steps refer to calendar days and may only be extended by mutual written consent of KVH and the Union. A time limit which ends on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday as designated in this Agreement shall end at 4:30 p.m. on the next following business day. If the grievance is not presented within fourteen (14) calendar days from the occurrence or knowledge of its occurrence said grievance shall be waived and forever lost. Failure of an employee to file a grievance on a timely basis or to timely advance a grievance in accordance with the time limits set forth below will constitute withdrawal of the grievance. Failure of KVH to comply with the time limits set forth below shall result in the grievance being automatically elevated to the next step through Step 3 without any action necessary on the part of the employee. Requests for arbitration must be specifically requested as provided for in this Agreement. No grievance, request to move to another step, grievance response, or request for Arbitration may be submitted via email only. The time limits set forth in this grievance procedure may only be extended by mutual agreement in writing between the Union and KVH.
18.3 Grievance Procedure

A grievance shall be submitted in accordance with the following procedure:

Step 1.  Employee and Department Director/Designee.

If an employee has a grievance, the employee shall meet with the employee’s Department Director/Designee and present the grievance in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the employee was or should have been aware that the grievance existed. If the grievance is not presented within fourteen (14) calendar days from its occurrence or knowledge of its occurrence said grievance shall be waived and forever lost. A Union Delegate shall be present if requested by the employee. If a Union Delegate/Representative participates in the grievance meeting, the Human Resources Director or designee may also be present at this Step 1 meeting. Upon receipt thereof, the Director/Designee shall attempt to resolve the problem. It is the desire of the parties to this Agreement that grievances be adjusted informally whenever possible and at the first level of supervision. The Director/Designee shall meet with the employee and delegate or union delegate at the first step of the process and respond in writing to the employee within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of the grievance indicating that the matter has been mutually resolved or the grievance is denied. The employee will sign any response confirming that the matter has been mutually resolved.

Step 2.  Employee, Union Delegate/Representative and Human Resources.

If the grievance is not resolved to the employee’s satisfaction at Step 1, the employee shall present a written grievance to Human Resources within seven (7) calendar days of the Director’s decision. The grievance shall specifically include a description of the alleged breach, articles violated and specific resolution desired. A meeting between the employee (and a Union Delegate/Representative, if requested by the employee) and the Human Resources Director shall be held within ten (10) days for the purpose of resolving the grievance. The Human Resources Director shall respond in writing to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days following the grievance meeting indicating that the matter has been mutually resolved or the grievance is denied. The employee will sign any response confirming that the grievance has been mutually resolved.

Step 3.  Employee, Union Delegate/Representative and CEO.

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the employee shall present the written grievance within seven (7) calendar days of the Step 2 response to the KVH CEO or designee. Within ten (10) calendar days thereafter, there shall be a meeting with the KVH CEO (or designee), and the Human Resources Director may be present. The CEO, or designee, will issue a written response within fourteen (14) calendar days following the meeting.

Both parties must agree to mediation in writing. If one or both parties do not agree to mediation then the union may proceed to Step five (5) within seven (7) calendar days of receiving notice from the employer. If the parties agree to mediation, the following shall apply:

The written grievance may be submitted by the union within fourteen (14) calendar days after the step three (3) decision to the PERC for mediation.

If mediation fails to resolve the grievance, the grievance may be submitted by the union to arbitration. Such submittal must be within fourteen (14) calendar days from any of the following: the mediator's impasse, a written declination by a party to mediate, or the step three (3) response if neither the union nor the employer requested mediation. The submittal must be in writing and served on the other party.

Step 5.  Arbitration.

If the grievance is not settled on the basis of the foregoing procedures, and if the grievant and the Union have complied with the specific time limitations specified in Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 herein, the Union may submit the issue in writing to arbitration within fourteen (14) calendar days following the date the response was sent to the Union. If KVH and the Union fail to agree on an arbitrator, a list of eleven (11) arbitrators, who are attorneys, or who are on the PERC dispute resolution list or who are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators, shall be requested from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The parties shall thereupon alternate in striking a name from the panel until one name remains. The person whose name remains shall be the arbitrator. Any arbitrator accepting an assignment under this Article agrees to issue an award within sixty (60) calendar days of the close of the hearing or the receipt of post hearing briefs, whichever is later. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from, or otherwise change or modify the provisions of this Agreement, but shall be authorized only to interpret existing provisions of this Agreement as they may apply to the specific facts of the issue in dispute. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to award punitive damages. Each party shall bear one half (1/2) of the fee of the arbitrator and any other expense jointly incurred incident to the arbitration hearing. All other expenses including but not limited to legal fees, deposition costs, witness fees, and any and every other cost related to the presentation of a party's case in this or any other forum, shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expenses of witnesses called by the other party.

ARTICLE 19:  UNINTERRUPTED PATIENT CARE

It is recognized that KVH is engaged in a public service requiring continuous operation and it is agreed that recognition of such obligation of continuous service is imposed upon both the employee and the Union. During the term of this Agreement, neither the Union nor its members, agents, representatives, employees or persons acting in concert with them shall
incite, encourage or participate in any strike, picketing, walkout, slowdown or other work stoppage of any nature whatsoever. In the event of any strike, picketing, walkout, slowdown or work stoppage, or a threat thereof, the Union and its officers will do everything within their power to end or avert same. Any employee participating in any strike, picketing, walkout, slowdown or work stoppage will be subject to immediate dismissal. KVH agrees that during this same time period, there shall be no lockouts.

ARTICLE 20: COMPLETE AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, KVH and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may have not been within the knowledge or contemplation of any or all of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement. The parties further agree, however, that this Agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the parties, in writing, at any time during its term.

ARTICLE 21: GENERAL PROVISIONS

21.1 State and Federal Laws

This Agreement shall be subject to all present and future applicable federal and state laws, executive orders of the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Washington, and rules and regulations of governmental authority. Should any provision or provisions become unlawful by virtue of the above or by declaration of any court of competent jurisdiction, such action shall not invalidate the entire Agreement. Any provisions or this Agreement not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the Agreement. If any provision is held invalid, KVH and Union shall enter into immediate negotiations for the purpose, and solely for the purpose, of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provision.

21.2 Amendments

Any change or amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and duly executed by the parties hereto.
APPENDIX A: WAGE SCALES

Click here to see wage scales.
# APPENDIX B: KVH JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

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APPENDIX C: RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS

Certification for Emergency Nursing (CEN)
Certification for Perioperative Nursing (CNOR)
Certified Surgical Technologist (CST)
Certified Central Supply (CCS)
Wound Ostomy Care Nurse (WOCN)
Bachelors of Science Nurse (BSN)
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - ONE

OLD SICK BANK
As of 7/1/2017

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW (SEIU) and Klickitat Public Hospital District No. 1 d/b/a Klickitat Valley Health (KVH).

By this Memorandum SEIU and KVH agree that employees listed below will be allowed to keep their bank of Sick Hours that was available when the change to PTO was made. These hours can be used as follows:

1. employee’s own use after four (4) consecutive days of PTO is used per illness;

2. supplement KVH qualified disability plan payments;

3. care of sick child or other qualified dependent or family member after four (4) consecutive days of PTO is used per illness;

4. leave untouched until retirement for those employees who were employed prior to January 1, 1988.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TWO

TIMELY RATIFICATION BONUS
As of 8/16/2017

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW (SEIU) and Klickitat Public Hospital District No. 1 d/b/a Klickitat Valley Health (KVH).

By this Memorandum SEIU and KVH agree that each Bargaining Unit Member shall receive a one-time $250.00 Timely Ratification Bonus so long as both parties ratify and fully execute the bargained agreement no later than August 31, 2017. This bonus is considered taxable income and is subject to all state and federal fees and taxes.